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To whom it may concern:

After reading Robert Cringely's Dec. 6 column,

<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20011206.html>

I was moved to write to express strong disagreement with the notion that Microsoft APIs need only be disclosed to commercial entities. To enable competition, Microsoft must publish all of its system APIs **freely**, preferably on the World Wide Web. Otherwise, the most innovative force in software (the open-source community) will be locked out.

Thanks for your consideration,
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